[Mr. K. Balakrishn Menon]

of the State. The Government have not started any long-range scheme of live-stock improvement and as such there is no controlling authority as far as the live-stock of the State is concerned.

(*e*) In some of the Provinces and States in India, the live-stock is directly under the Veterinary Department, and in others under the Director of Agriculture or Animal Husbandry Commissioner.

(*f*) Please see answer to (*d*). The live-stock of the Central Farm and the several stud bulls stationed in different parts of the State belong to the Agriculture Department and the Agriculture Department is controlling the breeding policy in the State.

(*g*) The matter is under consideration.

SWEEPINGS IN GODOWNS—INFORMATION REGARDING

189. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many bags of sweepings are there in the various godowns of the Food Snpplies Department; the quantity of sweepings of each variety to be given separately:

(*b*) how long they were being stocked so;

(*c*) why are Government not taking immediate action to dispose them off;

(*d*) are the Government aware that if the sweepings are kept long they will get damaged?

Mr. K. Balakrisna Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):*

(*a*) Please see Appendix III.

(*b*) The exact period cannot be specified. These sweepings were gathered whenever the godowns are cleaned, either after receipt or after issue of consignments of the commodities. It will be necessary to attend to such cleanings occasionally and sweepings are collected to be disposed of as early as possible.

(*c*) Prompt action is being taken whenever such sweepings become available for disposal.

(*d*) Yes.

SUGARCANE CULTIVATION—PARTICULARS OF

190. Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* Will Government be pleased to state —

(*a*) what is the area under sugarcane cultivation in the Chittur Taluk in 1120, 1121 and 1122 and what is the total production of jaggery;

(*b*) what is the quantity of jaggery purchased by the Government from Chittur Taluk during these years;

(*c*) have the Government restricted the import of jaggery into the State;

(*d*) if so, on what ground such restriction has been made?

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)*

(*a*) the approximate area under sugarcane cultivation and the approximate production of jaggery during the years 1120, 1121 and 1122 are given below;

Year	*Area*	*Year*	*Production*
1120, 1121, 1122	About 1,000 acres	1120 ..	25,385 Cwts.
		1121 ..	33,318 ,,
		1122 ..	46,583 ,,

(*b*)

Year.	*Quantity.*
1120 ..	14,821—2—25 Cwts.
1121 ..	24,136—3— 5 ,,
1122 ..	43,098—3—27 ,,

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The quota of jaggery allotted to Cochin is inadequate. As the supply of sugar also is very inadequate there is a large demand for jaggery. Experience has shown that if a steady supply of jaggery of fair quality at reasonable cost has to be ensured Government should undertake procurement and distribution direct, without leaving the same to trade channels. Hence the restriction imposed on the import of jaggery by the trade.

DISTRIBUTION OF FOODSTUFFS & CLOTH—CONSULTATIONS WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

191. മിസ്റ്റർ എം. ഒ. തോമക്കുട്ടി: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യത്തിനു് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഭക്ഷ്യമന്ത്രിയുടെ സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) മദിരാശി സംസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ ഭക്ഷണ വസ്തു വിതരണ സമ്പ്രദായ വകുപ്പുകളുടെ പ്രവർത്തനനയപരിപാടികൾ അവിടത്തെ ചെയ്മ്പർ ഓഫ് കോമേഴ്സ്, മർച്ചൻറ്സ്

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